



Highlights First half year 2008

- Revenue from the continuing operations of the first half-year of 2008 amounts to 118,7 mio euro, a 11,5% increase compared to last year.
- Operating profit (EBIT) from the continuing operations for the first six months amounts to 13,1 mio euro, which is 62,3% higher than last year.
- Cash flow from continuing operations (EBITDA) for the first half year amounts to 15,4 mio euro, a 65,0% increase compared to last year.
- Net profit from the continuing operations amounts to 8,3 mio euro (Earnings per Share of 1,01 euro), an increase of 73,6 % compared to last year.
- Net tax charges from the continuing operations amount to 3,3 mio euro (last year 2,0 mio euro).
- Net financial debt from the continuing operations decreased by 2,4 mio euro compared to December 2007, and amounts to 18,5 mio euro.



Summary overview

Non-audited consolidated key figures

Income statement			
(in million euro)	30/06/2008	30/06/2007	Change
	6M	6M	_
Revenue	118,7	106,5	11,48%
EBIT	13,1	8,1	62,27%
Cash flow from operations (EBITDA) ¹	15,4	9,3	65,01%
Financial result	-1,5	-1,3	-18,38%
Profit before taxes	11,6	6,8	70,41%
Taxes	-3,3	-2,0	-62,75%
Net income continuing operations (Group share in the profit)	8,3	4,8	73,60%
Net cash flow ²	10,7	6,1	75,44%
Result from discontinued operations	-0,1	0,1	-163,28%
Balance sheet			
(in million euro)	30/06/2008	31/12/2007	Change
	6M	12M	
Equity	45,1	39,8	13,55%
Net financial debt	18,5	20,9	-11,39%
	153,1	152,4	0,46%

(in euro)	• •	30/06/2007	Change
	6M	6M	
Cash flow from operations (EBITDA) ¹	1,88	1,13	66,48%
Profit before taxes	1,42	0,82	73,17%
Net income (Group share in the profit)	1,02	0,58	75,86%
Net cash flow ²	1,30	0,73	78,08%
Equity	5,47	4,81 ³	13,72%
Number of shares (end of period)	8.180.072	8.264.842	-0,19%
Number of shares (average)	8.248.816	8.264.842	-1,03%

¹ EBITDA = earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; This is operating profit plus depreciation and amounts written off on stocks, trade debtors and provisions for liabilities and charges ² The net cash flow is the net income (Group share in the profit) excluding depreciation, amounts written off on stocks, trade debtors and provisions for liabilities and charges.

³ Equity per share as per December 31 last year.



Operating activities

- Revenue
 - Revenue increased due to the overall high global demand particularly in the hospitality segment;
 - \circ Order backlog year on year decreased by 13%.
- EBIT
 - Consolidated EBIT from the continuing operations increased from 8,1 mio euro to 13,1 mio euro (+62,3%). The higher EBIT is attributable to higher activities and better overhead absorption;
 - The EBIT was negatively influenced by the low USD rate and increasing raw material prices.

Other activities

- Total net finance cost amounts to 1,5 mio euro. This primarily relates to interest charges (0,9 mio euro).
- The net tax charges amount to 3,3 mio euro.
- Compared to December 2007, the net financial debt decreased by 2,4 mio euro to a level of 18,5 mio euro.

Buy-back own shares

The Board of Directors of March 4, 2008 decided to implement a share repurchase programme to buy back maximum 225.000 of its shares. As per June 30, Jensen-Group has bought 84.770 shares and 12.238 shares have been cancelled.

Significant post balance sheet events

On July 18 2008, Jensen-Group acquired the activities of its Italian distributor MIL/ILM. The Jensen-Group took over the Italian distribution, approximately 50 employees as well as the manufacturing activity, producing among other highly specialized folding equipment. The new product range will complement the JENSEN product portfolio in the growing hospitality market.

The new entity named Jensen Italia s.r.l. will contribute 5 %- 8 % of total Jensen-Group sales, its impact on EBIT in 2008 is not material. MIL/ILM will keep a 20 % minority interest in the new entity.



On August 6, 2008 Jensen-Group announced that it has reached an agreement to acquire the heavy-duty activities of its long standing distributors Habuco N.V. in Belgium as well as Polymark B.V. in The Netherlands.

The Jensen-Group takes over the Jensen machinery distribution, the service of its equipment in the Benelux and approximately 20 employees.

The activities will be consolidated in Jensen-Group N.V. Sales will remain nearly unchanged as revenues from Jensen machinery are already included in the consolidated figures.

Outlook

JENSEN-GROUP expects for the full year 2008 a turnover and EBIT ahead of prior year. Major risk factors are the increased economic uncertainty affecting the investment climate, the decreased order backlog as well as competitive pressures. Other risks are a further deterioration of the USD exchange rate and additional increases in raw material, energy and transport costs.

Shareholders' calendar

November 2008: Trading update March 2009: Full year results 2008 (Analysts' meeting) May 19, 2009: Shareholders' meeting

Profile

The JENSEN-GROUP assists heavy-duty laundries worldwide to provide quality textile services economically. We have become the preferred supplier in the laundry industry by leveraging our broad laundry expertise to design and supply single machines, systems and integrated solutions. We are continuously growing by extending our offer and by developing innovative products and services that address specific customer needs. Our success results from combining our global skills with our local presence. The JENSENGROUP has operations in 12 countries and has distribution in more than 50 countries. Worldwide, the JENSEN-GROUP employs more than 1.100 employees.



This press release is also available on the corporate website www.jensen-group.com. (End of press release) Note to the editors: for more information, please contact: Jensen-Group: Jesper Munch Jensen, *Chief Executive Officer* Markus Schalch, *Chief Financial Officer* Scarlet Janssens, *Investor Relations Manager* Tel. +32.9.333.83.30 E-mail : investor@jensen-group.com.